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**THE FOG OF WAR – ELEVEN LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ROBERT S. MCNAMARA**

**\_\_\_\_\_1. In the opening scene to the film, McNamara states that any military commander will admit the he has –**

A. committed war crimes.

B. enjoyed killing the enemy.

C. killed people unnecessarily.

D. wasted government resources.

**\_\_\_\_\_2. If you make one mistake with an nuclear weapon –**

A. nations will be destroyed.

B. human life on Earth will end.

C. retaliation will always follow.

D. the United Nations will intervene.

**\_\_\_\_\_3. What two major wars was Robert McNamara an active participant in?**

A. World War I and Korea

B. World War II and Vietnam

C. Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War

D. Korea and War in Afghanistan

**\_\_\_\_\_4. What job did Robert McNamara hold in the Kennedy Administration during the 1960s?**

A. Secretary of War

B. Secretary of State

C. Secretary of Defense

D. Secretary of the Treasury

**LESSON ONE: THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS**

**“Empathize with your enemy.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_5. In October of 1962, where did the United States discover Soviet-manufactured missile silos under construction?**

A. Alaska

B. Cuba

C. Mexico

D. Grenada

**\_\_\_\_\_6. According to McNamara, what advise did General Curtis LeMay offer the President during the Cuban Missile Crisis?**

A. to negotiate with the Kremlin.

B. to negotiate directly with Castro.

C. to bombard and destroy Cuba.

D. invade the Soviet Union.

**\_\_\_\_\_7. After Kennedy had confronted the Soviet Union, the United States received two (2) letters from the Soviet Union. Which letter did Ambassador Tommy Thompson encourage President Kennedy to respond to?**

A. The “Hardliner” Message

B. The “Soft” Conciliatory Message

**\_\_\_\_\_8. Which Cabinet member stood up to President Kennedy by publically disagreeing with him, and telling him “No?”**

A. Curtis LeMay

B. Robert F. Kennedy

C. Tommy Thompson

D. Robert McNamara

**\_\_\_\_\_9. Who had the United States attempted to assassinate over nine times during the Presidencies of Eisenhower, Kennedy, and – later – Lyndon Baines Johnson?**

A. Nikita Khrushchev

B. Fidel Castro

C. Manuel Noriega

D. Ernesto “Che” Guevara

**LESSON TWO: THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS**

**“Rationality will not save us.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_10. What prevented nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis, according to McNamara?**

A. Kennedy’s skilled leadership.

B. Khrushchev’s weak leadership.

C. fear of nuclear holocaust by both.

D. luck

**\_\_\_\_\_11. According to Robert McNamara, there are 7500 nuclear bombs on Earth, and 2500 of them are on 15-minute alert to be launched by –**

A. The Russians

B. The United States

C. Israel, India, and Pakistan

D. one flawed human being

**\_\_\_\_\_12. In 1992, Robert McNamara learned that –**

A. 162 nuclear warheads were in Cuba.

B. Castro knew the missiles were there.

C. Castro recommended using them.

D. Castro did not care Cuba would be

destroyed in the nuclear crossfire.

E. All of the above were true.

**\_\_\_\_\_13. What war did Robert McNamara remember coming to an end in November of 1918 – as a two year old child?**

A. World War I

B. World War II

C. The Spanish-American War

D. The Vietnam War

**\_\_\_\_\_14. What college did Robert S. McNamara attend in the 1930s?**

A. Stanford

B. Cal-Berkeley

C. Penn State

D. Duke

**LESSON THREE: ONSET OF WORLD WAR II**

**“There’s something beyond one’s self.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_15. What was Robert S. McNamara’s middle name?**

A. Stevens

B. Simpson

C. He had no middle name: it was S.

D. Strange

**\_\_\_\_\_16. When World War II began, where was Robert S. McNamara employed?**

A. Ford Motor Company

B. Harvard University

C. Attorney General of California

D. Bank of America

**\_\_\_\_\_17. After studying the “abort” rate among bombing missions at the start of World War II, McNamara’s team determined that the pilots were stopping their missions because of –**

A. mechanical failures

B. lack of supplies.

C. inexperience pilots

D. fear

**\_\_\_\_\_18. The “abort rate” dropped to virtually none when General Curtis LeMay began flying with his men and threaten any plane which turned around before flying over its target with –**

A. execution

B. court-martial

C. fines

D. the brig

**LESSON FOUR: WORLD WAR II RAGES**

**“Maximize Efficiency.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_19. What new airplane was developed and built by the likes of “Rosie the Riveter” to bomb from high distances?**

A. B-17s

B. B-29s

C. Flying Fortresses

D. B-52s

**\_\_\_\_\_20. What was the singular focus of General Curtis LeMay?**

A. The number of sorties flown.

B. Target destruction.

C. The number of bombs dropped.

D. The number of men who died.

**\_\_\_\_\_21. How many civilians did the United States armed forces burn to death in Tokyo in a single night in March of 1945?**

A. hundreds

B. thousands

C. tens of thousands

D. over one hundred thousand people

**\_\_\_\_\_22. Fifty square miles of Tokyo and all the people in it were destroyed because –**

A. Tokyo was a wooden city.

B. The B-29s were lowered to 5000 feet

to increase accuracy.

C. firebombs were used instead of

traditional explosives.

D. All of the above reasons.

**LESSON FIVE: BOMBINGS IN WW II**

**“Proportionality should be a guide in**

**war.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_23. How many other cities were firebombed and completely destroyed in Japan – *before the dropping of the atomic bombs* over Hiroshima and Nagasaki?**

A. one dozen

B. three dozen

C. fifty

D. sixty-seven

**\_\_\_\_\_24. Curtis LeMay claimed that if the United States had lost the war, the military and political leaders would have been tried as war criminals. Who did Robert S. McNamara say was acting as a war criminal during World War II?**

A. FDR and Harry Truman

B. MacArthur and Eisenhower

C. Curtis LeMay and himself

D. Japanese Civilians

**\_\_\_\_\_25. What makes it immoral if you lose and not immoral if you win?**

A. Something.

B. Nothing.

**\_\_\_\_\_26. What advice did Robert McNamara give to LBJ when he first asked him for a brief on the war in 1964?**

A. to invade North Vietnam.

B. to pull out of South Vietnam.

C. not to speak out about the war

D. to use no ground troops in Vietnam

**\_\_\_\_\_27. Both Robert McNamara and his wife were survivors of –**

A. The Spanish Flu

B. Polio

C. Malaria

D. Dysentery

**\_\_\_\_\_28. What company did Robert McNamara work for in the years after World War II?**

A. Ford Motor Company

B. IBM

C. Boeing

D. Coca-Cola

**LESSON SIX: FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY TO THE SEC. OF DEFENSE.**

**“Get the data.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_29. In order to prevent injuries in Ford automobiles, what did Robert McNamara insist the company introduce?**

A. seatbelts

B. safer steering columns

C. padded instrument panels

D. all of the above

**\_\_\_\_\_30. Robert McNamara was the first President of the Ford Motor Company who was not in the Ford family; however, after five weeks he quit. Why?**

A. Ford was anti-Semitic and hateful.

B. McNamara hated the job.

C. He was fired for embezzlement.

D. He was asked to join JFK’s Cabinet.

**\_\_\_\_\_31. What Cabinet position did McNamara eventually accept from John F. Kennedy?**

A. The Treasury Department

B. Secretary of Defense

C. Department of the Interior

D. Department of Commerce

**\_\_\_\_\_32. What South Vietnamese leader was overthrown by a military coup in 1963 – a coup which the United States government was at least partially responsible for?**

A. Ngo Diem

B. Ho Chi Minh

C. Kim Il Sung

D. Nguyen Thanh

**\_\_\_\_\_33. Who picked out the spot in Arlington National Cemetery where President John F. Kennedy was buried after his assassination in November of 1963?**

A. Lyndon Johnson

B. Jackie Kennedy

C. Robert McNamara

D. Robert F. Kennedy

**LESSON SEVEN: VIETNAM BEGINS**

**“Belief and seeing are both often wrong.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_34. What attacked the *USS Maddox* in the Gulf of Tonkin in August of 1964?**

A. a Soviet jet plane.

B. a Chinese naval vessel.

C. a North Vietnamese gunboat.

D. a North Korean destroyer.

**\_\_\_\_\_35. As a result of a second attack – this time a “torpedo attack” on the USS Turner Joy, the United States of America bombed –**

A. The Soviet Union

B. China

C. North Vietnam

D. North Korea

**\_\_\_\_\_36. What was the name of the resolution which Congress passed to give President Lyndon Johnson permission to conduct the war in Vietnam?**

A. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution

B. The Declaration of War Against

Vietnam

C. The War on Terrorism

D. The Cold War

**\_\_\_\_\_37. According to Robert McNamara, the second attack – a torpedo attack against the *USS Turner Joy* which prompted both bombing raids and the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution –**

A. was very provocative on the part of

the North Vietnamese.

B. was probably authorized by the

Soviet Union.

C. ended up killing six US sailors.

D. didn’t happen.

**\_\_\_\_\_38. Two to three times the number of bombs dropped on Western Europe during World War II were dropped on –**

A. Korea

B. Vietnam

C. Japan

D. Cambodia and Laos

**\_\_\_\_\_39. According to Robert McNamara, the Vietnamese viewed Americans as –**

A. colonial oppressors, just like France.

B. an obstacle to their independence.

C. warmongers seeking to enslave

them.

D. all of these.

**\_\_\_\_\_40. How many Vietnamese people died during the Vietnam War in order for that nation to gain it’s independence?**

A. Ten Thousand

B. Three Hundred Thousand

C. Seven Hundred Thousand

D. Three Million

**LESSON EIGHT: THE VIETNAM WAR**

**“Be prepared to re-examine your**

**reasoning.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_41. Robert McNamara claims that although the United States is the most powerful nation on Earth militarily, politically, and economically, we shouldn’t apply power –**

A. unilaterally.

B. with the support of coalitions.

C. to fight against communists.

D. against a smaller, weaker nation.

**\_\_\_\_\_42. If the United States cannot persuade nations with comparable values of the justice of our cause, we must re-examine our –**

A. military strength

B. economic strength

C. reasoning in foreign policy.

D. NATO partners and allies.

**\_\_\_\_\_43. What was the side-effect of the chemical defoliant Agent Orange?**

A. It caused cancer and killed people.

B. It caused birth defects in women.

C. It destroyed the ecosystem.

D. All of these.

**LESSON NINE: VIETNAM WAR PROTESTS**

**“In order to go good, you may have to**

**engage in evil.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_44. What did Norman Morrison, a Quaker and pacifist, do below Robert McNamara’s office during the Vietnam War?**

A. He burned himself alive.

B. He sprayed blood on the Pentagon.

C. He shot the windows of his office.

D. He burned his draft card.

**\_\_\_\_\_45. How many Americans protested the Vietnam War outside the Pentagon in a tense standoff in 1967?**

A. several hundred

B. twenty thousand

C. fifty thousand

D. two-hundred thousand

**LESSON TEN: VIETNAM DRAGS ON**

**“Never say never.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_46. According to Robert McNamara, who was responsible for the Vietnam War?**

A. President Lyndon Johnson

B. President John F. Kennedy

C. Congress

D. The Joint Chiefs of Staff

**\_\_\_\_\_47. Was Robert S. McNamara fired, or did he quit?**

A. He was fired by LBJ.

B. He resigned in November, 1967.

**\_\_\_\_\_48. Approximately how many Americans had died in the Vietnam War by the time Robert McNamara resigned and LBJ decided not to run for re-election in 1968?**

A. 10,000

B. 15,000

C. 25,000

D. 50,000

**LESSON ELEVEN: RECONCILIATION?**

**“You can’t change human nature.”**

**\_\_\_\_\_49. Does Robert McNamara believe that human beings can eliminate war?**

A. Yes

B. No

**\_\_\_\_\_50. When asked whether or not he felt any guilt for the role he played in directing the Vietnam War –**

A. McNamara claimed that he felt

neither guilt nor shame for his role.

B. McNamara claimed that he was

consumed by guilt and sadness.

C. McNamara refused to comment any

further: “I’d rather be damned if I

don’t.”

D. McNamara claimed he was not

responsible for the conflict, LBJ and

Nixon were.